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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 16, 2007, a Notice of Appeal was filed on March 20, 2007. Additionally, on March 20, 2007, a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review was filed. On June 13, 2007, a Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review was received in which the Panel determined that Claims 1, 2, 5-9 and 15 should remain rejected and that the Appeal should proceed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The time period for filing an appeal brief was reset to one month from the date of the Panel decision, or by July 13, 2007. This time period is extendible under 37 CFR 1.36. In lieu of filing an appeal brief, applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application herewith. A Four Month Petition for Extension of Time is also filed herewith, bringing the date for filing the presently filed Amendment and RCE to November 13, 2007. This Amendment is therefore timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.